IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
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METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED :
DATA COMMUNICATION :
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the first Office Action mailed on September 28, 1998 regarding the above-identified application. Please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 3 and 6-7

Please amend the following Claims:

2. (AMENDED) The method according to Claim [1]2, wherein said multiple data files are created from bytes of data to be transmitted, each one of said bytes being comprised of eight bits of data, each one of said bits corresponding to a particular position within each one of said bytes, and each one of said data files being comprised of bits from each one of said bytes corresponding to the same particular position.

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